MINUTES OF THE 632nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TOFT PEOPLES' HALL ON MONDAY 7 th SEPTEMBER 2009				
PRESENT: Councillors S Roberts, P Hercus, D Bilsland, J Betson & C Sinclair. District				
Councillor Robin Martlew. There were two members of the public in attendance.				
Item	Content	Action		
1.	APOLOGIES	71000011		
••	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jayne &			
	Norgett and from County Councillor Fiona Whelan.			
2.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING			
	 Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2009 had been 			
	circulated. Councillors			
	RESOLVED that these were a correct record and they were duly signed by			
	the Chairman.			
3.	OPEN SESSION			
	 Members of the public having indicated that they wished to address 			
	the meeting, the Chairman proposed that the meeting adjourn and it			
	was			
	RESOLVED to adjourn			
	 Mrs Coppin of 4 High Street told the Council that flooding behind St 			
	Andrews Cottages continued to be a problem, despite previous			
	reporting. District Councillor Robin Martlew indicated that he would			
	take the matter in hand. In response to her suggestion that visibility			
	was poor when turning left to Comberton from the junction of			
	Hardwick and Comberton Roads, Members considered that this was			
	adequate for drivers stopping at the give-way line.			
	 Mr Sparkes indicated that there had been no action in response to 			
	matters reported by him in the last three months. The condition of			
	footpaths and hedgerows required improvement on Mill Lane,			
	between the Chinese restaurant and the cottages on the corner; on			
	Brookside between Providence Cottage and School Lane; and on the			
	High Street, between the recreation ground and Black Bull, where			
	brambles at the stiles needed cutting back. Brambles had been cut			
	back and the debris left at properties on the High Street.			
	In response to his enquiry about the bridges selected for tarring and			
	chipping and exclusion of others, Cllr Sinclair responded that these			
	were being addressed in order of priority. There were still three to be dressed.			
	Finally, in connection with the "Sandpath", Members heard that Cllr			
	Sinclair had filled in some of the rabbit holes and that these continued			
	to be a problem, since users were walking an a "conservation strip" to			
	avoid them.			
	The members of the public were thanked for their comments and it was			
	RESOLVED to reconvene.			
4.	FEED BACK FROM CIRCULATION & CIRCULATION			
	 Members had been asked to express a view on proposals to provide 			
	a textile and shoe recycling bin at the Village Car Park in School Lane			
	and it was			
	RESOLVED to support the proposal.			
	A copy of correspondence between South Cambs District Council's	KAC		
	Environmental Health Officer and Anglian Water, copied to a resident			
	in Brookside, was circulated by Cllr Betson. A meeting was to be			
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	arranged to discuss the matter of drains overflowing and raw sewage flowing into the Bourn Brook during heavy rain. The District Councillor expressed an interest in attending any meeting. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks. • Members had been advised that both Comberton and Caxton Parish Councils were both complaining to the South Cambs District Council about the Chairman's Delegation Procedure, which was considered to restrict the democratic aspect of determination of planning applications. Members RESOLVED to support these objections in writing to both the District Council and the District Councillor and to suggest that when appropriate, a Parish Councillor could attend any meeting where applications were being determined, in the event that the District Councillor was unable to do so. • The Chairman reported that following attendance at a Planning Parish Forum, information was being place in the circulation for Councillor's attention and it was RESOLVED to note this with thanks. • Finally, the AGMs for Cambridgeshire ACRE and Cambridgeshire Community Services were reported as taking place on 29 th & 22 nd September respectively, details of which were being placed in the circulation for Councillors and it was	KAC
5.	RESOLVED to note this with thanks. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS	
	District Councillor Robin Martlew referred to issues with which he was involved, which were a lack of funding for youth provision/education in Cambourne and an impending Finance Meeting, where he predicted that reports would show a return on the Council's investments which was better than the national average. Members RESOLVED to note this with thanks	
6.	 Councillors were asked to consider an application for work to trees in a conservation area at 4 High Street, Toft, involving the felling and removal of a dying Cypress and Maple. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to recommend approval and further to suggest that the trees removed would eventually be replaced. The Clerk reported that the South Cambs District Council were seeking confirmation of two authorised signatories to act on the Council's behalf in the case of execution of deeds of indemnity in respect of Section 106 Agreements. Members RESOLVED that subject to approval by the Council, the Chairman and Vice Chairman should be authorised to sign such agreements on the Council's behalf. Members were asked to consider a response to the Gypsy & Traveller Site Consultation, the closing date for comments for which was 9th October 2009. The District Councillor indicated that Comberton was a potential site. Members therefore RESOLVED to make no comment at the current time, but to continue to monitor proposals with interest. In the absence of Councillor Norgett, there were no reports. Cllr Betson told the Council that a quotation for work to be carried out by J Tebbit would shortly be presented for consideration by the Council. 	KAC

	The Clerk asked for clarification on agreement between the Parish Plan Steering Group and the contracted editorial service, since two invoices for the same amount had been received and there was no order confirmation against which to verify their validity. It was therefore	
	RESOLVED to seek further clarification.	KAC
7.	 FOOTPATHS Cllr Sinclair reported that he had been unable to contact Mr P Tebbit, landowner/tenant, to discuss the rabbit holes in the footpath on footpath no 1, linking Toft with Caldecote. He had arranged a meeting with Andrew Stimson the following Wednesday to show him the extent of the problem. Since he considered there would be a substantial amount of digging involved to resolve the problem, it was unlikely that anything would be done. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks and to await further reports. Cllr Sinclair was advised that the Council's contractor was charging £110 per cut for the footpaths in Toft Wood. He suggested that paths which were the responsibility of the County Council were being cut and further that maintenance was required in an area which he had identified on a plan circulated at the meeting, referred to as "Area B". There was some discussion about the presence of wild orchids in this area and the need for sensitive timing. It was therefore RESOLVED to obtain a quotation from the contractor for this work. In connection with a letter from Mrs Ridgeon of Brook House, 34 High Street, Madingley, Cllr Sinclair mentioned that he had asked Andrew Stimson to look at trees in Pinfold Well Lane, since these were causing concern to Mrs Ridgeon, whose property at Priory Cottage neighboured the public thoroughfare. Cllr Sinclair told the Council that he had written to Mrs Ridgeon in response. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks and to await further reports. Members had before them details of proposals to create a footpath link from the Comberton Road to footpath 16, which was the link between Toft and Comberton. Members noted that this would create a circular walk and provide an opportunity for schoolchildren to use the footpath rather than the roadside to walk to Comberton. It was 	KAC
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	RESOLVED to recommend approval in respect of the proposals presented.	١٨٨٥
8.	 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Members considered a proposal that the Glebe Meadow might be put to better use than currently and serve the community better if the Parish Council were to undertake to maintain it. Functioning as an area for recreation, the land was considered ideal for use as a green, as the area currently referred to as a village green was little more than a traffic island, where annual maypole dancing by the brownies was very restricted owing to the lack of space. People could walk their dogs there. Various views were expressed. The land was a considerable size and would therefore would be costly to maintain. It belonged to the Ely Diocese, which may not be amenable to the idea of public access, since the land was currently rented for grazing. Although classed as a protected amenity, it was felt that this protection was intended to 	

	pre- pro- and unw RESOLVI investigati • Me ins- sur ent roa and pol	serve the rural character of the area visually as oppose serving the land for public recreation. A Member sugge posal would find opposition with local people living neal it was considered that as a public open space, it could wanted anti social behaviour. In conclusion it was ED to support the proposal in principle, subject to further on and enquiry with the Ely Diocese as owners of the support had before them a copy of the report following a pection of the play area, recreation ground, Toft. The Commarized action required as being to remove the risk of rapment from the play area gate; to cut back planting of disigns; to tie in loose ends of chain link fencing at the difference of the play area. Members considered the support of the play area.	sted the r the site l attract er site. nnual hairman f bscuring fence stile; n telegraph hat these	KAC
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9.	• The for Pure sur Sep dur Cha	PLE'S HALL Chairman reported that conditions of hire and publicity the hall had been reviewed and were being reprinted by rchase of a new heating boiler was planned, together was facing of the car park. The next meeting would take play totember 14th. Members wishing to attend on the Councing the Chairman's absence were encouraged to contain the chairman in advance of the meeting. It was therefore to note this with thanks.	y J Tebbit. rith re- ice on il's behalf	
10.	The Chairman had attended the latest Neighbourhood Panel meeting, though commented that it had been poorly advertised. Of the eleven attendees, six had been police representatives. Residents of Cambourne had been most vociferous and the main topics of concern had been speeding, youth provision and anti-social behaviour. In connection with the Speedwatch initiative, it was suggested that the Toft volunteer could join with two Hardwick volunteers to assist. The next meeting would take place on 18 th November at Comberton. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks.			
11.	FINANCE The Clerk Cheque No	presented the following cheques for signature: Details	Amount	

	1655	Toft People's Hall – Rent June	£10.00		
	1656	Pestagon – Wasp Nest Removal	£45.00		
	1657	CGM – Verges maintenance	£230.00		
	1658	EACH – Donation	£50.00		
	1659	Mr P J Whitehead – Grass Cutting	£180.00		
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	1661	K Cameron – Clerk's Salary (July & August)	£256.92		
	n/a	HMRC – Clerk's Tax (July & August)	£170.40		
	1662	K Cameron – Petty Cash	£50		
	A report about the Council's expenditure & income before Memberss				
	showed an expenditure to date in the amount of £5436.54, income				
		luding reserves totalling £30338.61, and a reserve at b	ank in the		
		ount of £24,902.07. It was therefore			
	RESOLVED to note this with thanks.				
	 Cllr Hercus told the Council he would carry out a quarterly check on 				
	the Council's accounts and place a report in the circulation bag for				
		mbers' information. It was therefore			
	RESOLVE	ED to consider any relevant outcomes at the next meet	ing.	ALL	
12.	STANDIN	G ORDERS & OTHER ADMINISTRATION			
	• Me	mbers considered some correspondence received fror	n the		
		ualities Commission in respect of impending legislative	changes. In		
	conclusion it was				
	RESOLVED to note this but that no further action was necessary in the				
	meantime				
13.		D AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING			
	5 th Octob	er 2009, 7.00pm at Toft People's Hall.			